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To: Chief, SR/3

From: SR/CFI

Subject: Contact with CASSOWARY 2, Monday, 2 February 1953

Present at the Conference were CASSOWARIES 2 and 15, [] [] SR/GPP
(as [] []) and [] [], SR/3

The main part of the conference was concerned with the significance of the recent trial of the nine doctors in Moscow and its affect on the future course of Soviet policy and tactics. Throughout the conference, CASSOWARY 2 kept stressing that the present purge was not an anti-semitic purge per se, but rather a purge of "unreliable elements" regardless of their nationality or religion.

1. According to CASSOWARY 2, the purge presently taking place in the Soviet Union - if the analogy of World War II holds true - is the next to the last purge before World War III takes place. (The "last" purge should take place in about two years). The purpose of the purge, says CASSOWARY 2, is to undermine the confidence and hope of all "unreliable elements" in the West's ability to assist them. When the "unreliable elements" are liquidated, the masses will have no leadership and will "realize" that the West is not going to help them. Since war is inevitable, someone must take the blame for it and STALIN is using the present strategem in order to place the guilt on the Jews. In addition to this, STALIN can rely only on the Russian people and, in his opinion, the Jews are an "unreliable" element. This purge, however, is not something new but is merely a continuation of the "nationalist-deviationist" purges.

2. The purge as a psychological weapon:

a. The United States is controlled by Wall Street; Wall Street is controlled by Jews; therefore, the United States is controlled by Jews. An attack on the Jews then, is an attack on the United States. If the Jews are blamed for provoking the war, the transfer of the onus to the United States will be an easy matter.

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3. Since the international Jewry is a powerful movement, STALIN wishes to get control of it. Therefore, the anti-semitic manifestations of the purge may have been carefully planned by him in order to place himself in a more advantageous bargaining position with the Israeli state. In line with this, he may possibly apply further pressure on the Jews in the USSR unless the government of Israel accepts his dictates and pursues a policy of cooperation with the Kremlin. STALIN's demands may very well include both the overt cooperation of the Jews in support of Soviet policy as well as the covert support to be given Soviet activities throughout the world. Unless Jewish leaders accede to these demands we should expect further persecution of this minority element in the USSR. Acceptance of STALIN's demands, on the other hand, by the Jewish leaders would mean a softening of the Soviet policy toward the Jews and support of Israeli objectives.

4. Another purpose of the purge is to create panic and terror of the regime in the Soviet Union and outside in order to show that the regime is all-powerful. In line with this it should be noted that STALIN is probably taking advantage of numerous refugees, as in the case of Germans escaping from East Germany, to infiltrate his agents. In all probability, within the near future, a mass exodus from Czechoslovakia will begin.

5. As pointed out above, another purpose of the purge is to break any faith that the people of the Soviet Union have in the West:

a. Among the refugees there will be a great number of agents who, after processing in the West, will return to Soviet dominated territory with sordid stories for STALIN's utilization in psychological warfare.

b. The people of the Soviet Union and territories will see that the State apparatus is "all-powerful" and can destroy all enemies of the State. STALIN's tack, as exemplified by the "anti-semitic" trials in West Germany will be that the Soviet regime is not anti-semitic but that it is merely rooting out espionage. This line, of course, is merely an attempt to negate Western propaganda.

6. The last purge before the war will be one which will aim to eliminate all potential dissident leadership in order to leave

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the masses in apathy and in complete hopelessness. As an example of complete apathy, CASSOWARY 2 uses the plight of the Jews in World War II under HITLER: The Rabbis would prepare the masses by telling them that they were going to die and that this was the will of God; Jewish policemen would escort the masses to their burial places and shoot them in full knowledge that upon the completion of their tasks, they too would be liquidated by the Germans.

7. CASSOWARY 2's opinion of what the United States stand should be at the present time:

- a. Do away with the Coordinating Center of Anti-Bolshevik Struggle (KTSAB). This organization is so blown that it is impossible to make it a "privately backed" enterprise again. In addition to this, change the United States position towards the nationalities from self-determination to non-pre-determination because the former is a negative approach since it ignores the fact that the national minority elements had previously "determined" their political status.
- b. Do not accept Kennan's policy of containment which, according to CASSOWARY 2, is "give STALIN a chance and Providence will enlighten him".
- c. The United States should take the initiative in the psychological warfare effort. The broad lines of this effort should be as follows:
 - (1) Intensification of propaganda activities against the Soviet regime, with emphasis on offensive rather than defensive operations;
 - (2) Development of a political policy and strategy which, without antagonizing the Great Russian elements, would take into consideration the aspirations of the satellite and the national minority elements within the USSR;
 - (3) Fuller utilization of the prevalent disaffection within the national minority areas of the USSR.

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(4) Clearer definition of U. S. policy and objectives. This should include an announcement similar to that made by former President Roosevelt of the "Four Freedoms". Such an announcement should also clearly define the fact that the U. S. has no intention of imposing its political and economic order on any other state, nor does it have any imperialistic designs on territories of other states.

d. U. S. policy towards the nationalities of the USSR should be as follows:

(1) It should accept the historic fact that most of the nationalities have had their independent existence recognized de facto and de jure by foreign states; that whereas the majority of the Great Russians are dissatisfied with the regime, the national elements are not only dissatisfied with the regime but have an equal dissatisfaction and resentment of the Russian rule imposed by force upon them.

8. In closing, CASSOWARY 2 pointed out that a great to-do was being made about the liquidation of a few Jews but that no attention has been paid whatever to the Soviet actions against the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA). He maintains that had the United States propagandized UPA activities, by now the underground would have been in a position to create a real threat to the Soviet Union.

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